

July 12, 2004

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Dear Dr. Thomson:

The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics is transmitting EPA's comments on the robust summaries and test plan for 2,4,810-Tetraoxa-3,9-diphosphaspiro[5.5]undecane, 3,9-bis(octadecyloxy)- posted on the ChemRTK HPV Challenge Program Web site on February 17, 2004. I commend the Crompton Corporation for its commitment to the HPV Challenge Program.

EPA reviews test plans and robust summaries to determine whether the reported data and test plans will provide the data necessary to adequately characterize each SIDS endpoint. On its Challenge Web site, EPA has provided guidance for determining the adequacy of data and preparing test plans used to prioritize chemicals for further work.

EPA has reviewed this submission and has reached the following conclusions:

1. Physicochemical Properties and Environmental Fate. EPA agrees with the test plan for these endpoints.
2. Health Effects. EPA agrees with the test plan for these endpoints. In the IUCLID Data Set the typo at 5.5.0 needs to be corrected.
3. Ecological Effects. Due to the high log Kow and the very low water solubility no ecological effects testing is recommended.

EPA will post this letter on the HPV Challenge Web site within the next few days. We ask that the Crompton Corporation advise the Agency, within 60 days of this posting on the Web site, of any modifications to its submission. Please send any electronic revisions or comments to the following e-mail addresses: oppt.ncic@epa.gov and chem.rtk@epa.gov.

If you have any questions about this response, please contact Richard Hefter, Chief of the HPV Chemicals Branch, at 202-564-7649. Submit questions about the HPV Challenge Program through the "Contact Us" link on the HPV Challenge Program Web site pages or through the TSCA Assistance Information Service (TSCA Hotline) at (202) 554-1404. The TSCA Hotline can also be reached by e-mail at tsca-hotline@epa.gov.

I thank you for your submission and look forward to your continued participation in the HPV Challenge Program.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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